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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Attn: John E. Butch Howard, Chairman (District 1), Commissioners and Members  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Sirs:

I am a property owner on Kiawah Island and have just returned from five months at my other home, my tree farm in Maine. I am writing today because I am concerned about the potential sale of Kiawah Island Utility and the potential rate increases.

As I understand it, Kiawah Island Utility is applying for a 39% rate increase, in part for construction of a new water line. Compared to past increases, this is exorbitant from my point of view. Rate payers should expect to bear part of the costs, along with developers and golf courses and other businesses, but the utility should bear the lion's share of operating expenses. I trust that you will examine carefully the KIU application and adjudicate it fairly.

Thank you for coming to Kiawah this week to listen to the ratepayers.

Respectfully,



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